

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 317-2004



To: Mayor David Dermer and
Members of the City Commission

Date: December 16, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

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Subject: Parks & Recreation Department Update

The Parks & Recreation Department has scored a handful of new successes and proudly reports victories for our traveling baseball, ice hockey, swimming and cheerleading teams.

For the first time since 1990, the **13 and under Traveling Baseball Team** has become the South Florida champs in their age group. And they achieved the feat with an impressive victory. The team beat Pembroke Shores 15-5 Saturday, December 11, 2004 to win its first championship for the current team.

The **Free Family Funday** returned to the Scott Rakow Youth Center Sunday, December 4, 2004. The event drew 85 adults and children for free activities that included basketball, bowling, ice skating, billiards, swimming and ceramics.

Four new **Traveling Soccer Teams** have been created for boys and girls aged 5 – 12. A total of 44 players are participating. They have been playing against other teams from throughout Miami-Dade County.

Our new **Miami Beach Hockey Team**, playing in competition for only the second time, won an impressive victory over the much more experienced Sunrise team December 5, 2004 at the Sunrise Skating Center. Miami Beach won 3-2 after having lost to the Sunrise team 5-2 three weeks earlier in our team's first official game. More than 30 children and parents celebrated and cheered after the victory!

The **Miami Beach Seahawks Swim Team** placed second in the Junior Orange Bowl Swimming Championships held at the Miami Springs Aquatic Center on November 27, 2004. About 50 boys and girls, aged 7 – 15, participate in the after school program at the Scott Rakow Youth Center.

The **Miami Beach X-Treme** and the **Miami Beach Bolts** cheerleading teams are headed to the national cheerleading competition after winning in their respective divisions during the Cheerleaders of America Beach Blast at the Miami Beach Convention Center Saturday, December 11, 2004.

Should you have additional questions, please contact Kevin Smith at (305) 673-7730.

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